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Title: (1) ZVI ALDOUBY

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - ISRAEL;
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Synopsis: THOMAS GUINZBERG, President, Viking Press, NYC, advised that he took the subject to meet the BREITs merely because they happened to be in town at the time and were always interested in charities, philanthropies, or causes. On 2/9/62 they advised they met the subject on 5/19/61 and after hearing his remarkable story regarding his group's effort to locate MARTIN BORMAN, an ex-Nazi, they gave him \$3,000. The BREITs have never seen or heard from the subject again.

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DETAILS:

On January 9 and 12, 1962, NY T-1 advised that Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BREIT of 635 Park Avenue, New York City, maintain bank accounts at the Chase Manhattan Bank branch located at 60th Street and Park Avenue, New York City. NY T-1 advised that the BREITs opened a joint account in January, 1956, while Mrs. PATRICIA BREIT has maintained a separate account of her own since 1954. The source stated that the joint account is a routine non-borrowing regular checking account which maintains a high four or low five figure balance. NY T-1 advised that Mr. BREIT is a writer formerly connected with the "New York Times", a New York daily newspaper, and he was also the collaborator of a Broadway play entitled "The Disenchanted". NY T-1 stated

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that neither account is particularly active and they appear to be utilized for the payment of routine household and incidental expenses. NY T-1 advised that a review of the account ledger sheets for April and May, 1961, fails to reflect any pertinent withdrawals.

The above information furnished by NY T-1 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

On January 11, 1962, the records of the Identification Division, New York City Police Department, as checked by IC DAVID G. JENKINS failed to reflect any derogatory information pertaining to the BREITs.

On January 11, 1962, the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as checked by SA JENKINS, reflect that in testimony given by a witness in 1943 before the Senate California Legislature, 55th Session, Report of the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, a HARVEY BREIT was named as a member of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party. It is not known if this individual is identical with HARVEY BREIT of New York City.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 12, 1962, the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as checked by IC THOMAS I. MC GUINNESS failed to reflect any identifiable information pertaining to HARVEY BREIT.

On January 12, 1962, Mr. THOMAS GUINZBERG, President, Viking Press, 625 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised that the only reason he took ALDOUBY to meet Mr. and Mrs. BREIT, 635 Park Avenue, New York City, was because they happened to be in town at the time and he knew they were always interested in charities, philanthropies, or causes. Mr. GUINZBERG advised that he could have taken ALDOUBY to a dozen other wealthy individuals whom he is acquainted with but he happened to pick the BREITs because they were available.

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Mr. GUINZBERG stated that he recalls that ALDOUBY told them the same story about MARTIN BORMAN that he had previously given to Viking Press and "Look" magazine and the BREITs were obviously thrilled at hearing this story regarding ALDOUBY's long search in an effort to find this ex-Nazi. Mr. GUINZBERG recalled that ALDOUBY mentioned to the BREITs that he needed money to be able to continue to finance this search. Mr. GUINZBERG advised that the BREITs left the room to talk things over. When they returned, Mr. BREIT mentioned some sum of money that they were willing to give ALDOUBY. Mr. GUINZBERG did not recall whether the sum mentioned was \$1,000 or \$3,000 and he stated that no exchange of money or checks took place in his presence. Mr. GUINZBERG also advised that he does not know if the BREITs ever saw ALDOUBY again.

Regarding ALDOUBY himself, Mr. GUINZBERG advised that he received a Christmas card mailed from Paris, France, signed "ZVI". Mr. GUINZBERG stated that the card contained no other message than wishing him a merry Christmas and Mr. GUINZBERG believes that the Christmas card was probably mailed by ALDOUBY's wife, whom he understood was in Europe.

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Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BREIT advised that a few days previous to May 19, 1961, they received a telephone call from THOMAS GUINZBERG who is President of Viking Press, a New York publishing house, and who is a personal friend of theirs. They stated that Mr. GUINZBERG told them that he had an extremely remarkable individual whom he wanted them to meet and who would tell them a very remarkable story. Mr. GUINZBERG cautioned Mr. and Mrs. BREIT that this party would undoubtedly ask them for money, however, he wanted them to hear what this party had to say.

Mr. and Mrs. BREIT advised that on May 19, 1961, GUINZBERG came to their apartment accompanied by ALDOUBY at approximately 4:00 p.m. ALDOUBY told them of the details surrounding the EICHMANN case. They stated that he told the story in such a way that it appeared that he was not personally involved in the kidnapping of ADOLF EICHMANN but gave the details of it as a newspaperman would. They stated that he kept rambling on about so many phases of the EICHMANN operation that they could not recall exactly all that he said. He did state, however, that there was an underground organization whose purpose was to get MARTIN BORMAN, an ex-Nazi. ALDOUBY told them that there had been an "old man" who had been head of this underground organization who had passed away and he, ALDOUBY, had been asked to head it up. ALDOUBY told them that this group was not composed of any professional people at all but was composed of just ordinary individuals who were intent on seeing that justice was done regarding MARTIN

On 2/9/62 at 635 Park Avenue,
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by SAS DAVID R. EVANS, JR. and DANIEL A. FLYNN/JW Date dictated 2/13/62

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BORMAN and who would willingly sacrifice their lives if necessary. ALDOUBY stated that his group did not have any governmental backing from any government in the world, whatsoever. ALDOUBY also mentioned to them that the Israeli Intelligence Service would not countenance what this group was trying to do, so therefore, he had to personally try to raise money so that the group would be able to accomplish their purpose.

ALDOUBY told the BREITs that his group knew where MARTIN BORMAN was located and he also told them of what type a "monster" BORMAN was. During the course of the several stories that ALDOUBY was telling them, the BREITs mentioned that he mentioned the name of an individual by the name of DEGRELLE. They recalled that ALDOUBY mentioned that his group had whisked DEGRELLE out of some unknown country. They recalled that he mentioned something about hypnosis and also that DEGRELLE was being kept on some unknown estate and they had lights shining in his face.

Mr. and Mrs. BREIT stated that ALDOUBY ended his narrative by advising them that "anything anyone can give will be appreciated". Mr. and Mrs. BREIT stated that they talked this situation over among themselves and Mr. BREIT wanted to give ALDOUBY \$1,000. Mrs. BREIT stated that she advised her husband that she felt what the group was trying to do was a tremendously moral thing, therefore, she urged that ALDOUBY be given \$3,000. They advised that they felt that their giving ALDOUBY the money was for no purpose other than to help him and his group capture this ex-Nazi, MARTIN BORMAN.

Mr. BREIT advised that he gave ALDOUBY a check for \$3,000 dated May 19, 1961, which check was drawn on their bank account located at the Bank of New York, branch which is located at approximately 63rd Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. Mrs. BREIT advised that when they gave ALDOUBY the check he stated "You will probably never hear from me again. I will not write to you or communicate with you in any way whatsoever, such is the way this organization works. If we are successful, the news will explode all over the world".

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During the course of the interview, Mrs. BREIT telephonically contacted her accountant and ascertained that the check which they gave ALDOUBY on May 19, 1961, was cashed by him on May 22, 1961 through the Bank of New York. Mrs. BREIT's accountant advised her that the back of the check reflected that when ALDOUBY presented the check for cashing he exhibited as his identification Israeli passport number 188355, which passport expired on October 22, 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. BREIT advised that they recalled that ALDOUBY stated, regarding himself personally, that he came from another country, not stated, and that his father was a nobleman. Mr. and Mrs. BREIT advised that they felt that there was some semblance of truth to the stories which ALDOUBY told them regarding EICHMANN, DEGRELLE, and BORMAN, because he was brought to them by their friend, THOMAS GUINZBERG, and they had also been previously advised by GUINZBERG that ALDOUBY had helped to write a book on the capture of EICHMANN and also had an article dealing with EICHMANN published in "Look" Magazine. Mr. and Mrs. BREIT stated that they have not seen or heard from ALDOUBY since May 19, 1961.



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Re: Zvi Aldouby
Internal Security - Israel;
Registration Act - Israel

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
David R. Evans, Jr., dated and captioned as above, at New York.

NY T-1 has furnished reliable information in the past.

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